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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 AND § 1.143**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 10, 2003, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 and 1.143, Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, the subject matter of Group I, claims 1-12 and 17-31, drawn to a method for obtaining plants tolerant to abiotic stress conditions by introducing into a plant cell a non-phosphorylatable CDK meutein nucleic acid molecule.

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